we are focussing on 18 States and Orissa is one of the major States. In fact, yesterday also, to supplement the National Rural Health Mission's motive, we have announced the building up of six AIIMS-like institutions; one is in Orissa. In the Reproductive and Child Health Programme one of the main components is the Integrated Management of Neo-Natal and Childhool Illness, which is again supported by the World Health Organiation and we are going to all the villages for giving neo natal and emergency maternity care. And, in fact, we are starting the first referral units where you have emergency blood storage capacities in the PHCs and the CHCs. We have targeted about 2000 of them and, today, approximately, more than a thousand of them are being implemented and we are funding the States. As far as the community health centres are concerned, we are literally giving them about Rs. 20 lakh to each, we are taking two community health centres in each district, every year. For that, we are putting up Indian public health standards. All the community heatlh centres should have these sets of standards, these specialists, these equipments and these drugs. Sir, we have launched an NRHM last year. So, it will take, at least, another six months to completely implement this programme. I would like to assure the House that within the next three years, India will see a drastic reduction in the infant mortality rate.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Quality of fruits and vetegables supplied through Mother Dairy outlets

*343. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of vegetables and fruits particularly onions and potatoes suplies through the Mother Dairy outlets in Delhi is inferior;

(b) whether any check is exercised by the senior officers of his Ministry on the officials of the organization responsible for procurement;

(c) if so, at what level and whether any irregularities/corruption in the procurement ahve come to the light; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to ensure reasonable good quality of vegetables and fruits at reasonable prices are made available through Mother Dairy outlets in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. Fruit and Vegetable Unit (A Unit of Mother Dairy Foods Processing Limited) is an ISO:9001:2000 Certified Company. Strict control is exercised on the quality of fruit and vegetables supplied throguh the outlets of the company. However, at the time of shortage of onions in Delhi during September, 2005, Fruit and Vegetable Unit of Mother Dairy Food Processing Limited sold onions procured by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi in order to make onions available at more reasonable proces to consumers. There were some press reports at that time on this issue alleging that smaller variety of onions was being sold at higher prices by Fruit and Vegetable Unit's outlets. This was investigated by Fruit and Vegetable Unit of Mother Dairy Foods Processing Limited and found to be incorrect.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The senior officers of the level of General Manager and Head (Procurement) of Fruit and Vegetable unit of the Mother Dairy Foods Processing Limited exercise checks on the officials responsible for procurement. No irregularities/corruption in the procurement of fruits and vegetables has been reported by the Mother Dairy Food Processing Limited.

Assistance to Madhya Pradesh for Fishery Development

†*346. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1056 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has made a proposal for sanctioning Rs. 52.49 lakhs for development of fishery in reservoirs under construction and constructed under he Narmada Valley Development Project, and

(b) if so, by when the said amount would be provided to the State?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.